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EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fruits and vegetables exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom, from various States during each of the last three years, State-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether the percentage of export is satisfactory in comparison to the production of fruits and vegetables in concerned States; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the export of fruits and vegetables from the concerned States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Mango, banana, grapes, apple, oranges, potato, garlic, peas, gherkins and onion are the important fruits and vegetables exported from India. Details of the export of fruits and vegetables to major importing countries are given below.

(b) Percentage of exports of fruits and vegetables to their production for 2004-05 is given below.

(Quantity in Million Metric tons)

	Production	Exports	% Share
Fruits	49.2	0.23	0.46
Vegetables	101.4	1.02	1.00

(Source Production figures: NHB; Export figures: DGCIS)

This data clearly shows that exports of fruits & vegetables as a percentage of their total production are miniscule. State-wise export statistics are not maintained

(c) Measures taken by the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA) to promote export of fruits and vegetables from the country include participation in fairs, promotional campaigns, setting up and upgradation of laboratories, setting up of centers for perishable cargo, pack houses and other infrastructural facilities, implementation of residue monitoring plans and market access initiatives.Agri export zones have been set up for various fruits and vegetables. APEDA has been extending financial assistance to exporters under its schemes for financial assistance for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development, Research & Development and Transport assistance.